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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN - APPROACH
TO SOVIETS

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1. DEPARTMENT DEFERS TO EMBASSY MOSCOW'S VIEW THAT BEST
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MEANS OF APPROACHING SOVIETS ON PROBLEM OF AFGHAN OPIUM
PRODUCTION IS IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT.

2. REQUEST US MISSION GENEVA APPRISE US REP AT INCB OF
BURGEONING AFGHAN OPIUM CULTIVATION AND SEEK HER HELP IN
APPROACHING SOVIETS PRIVATELY IN NEXT AVAILABLE INCB SET-
TING. APPROACH SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND NON-ACCUSATORY BUT

SHOULD MAKE THE POINT THAT POPPY PRODUCTION IN PARTS OF AFGHANISTAN WHERE SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT (E.G. NANGARHAR PROVINCE WHERE SOVIETS HAVE IRRIGATION PROJECT) WOULD SEEM TO US TO BE A MATTER OF POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT. (REF 4 PARA 2) DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING POINTS BE MADE:

A. AFGHANISTAN HAS UNDERTAKEN EFFORTS TO CONTROL ITS SERIOUS OPIUM PRODUCTION PROBLEM BUT IS EXPERIENCING EXPECTED DIFFICULTIES IN DOING THIS.

B. US IS ASSISTING THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ITS NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, BUT POTENTIAL FOR AFGHAN ORIGIN NARCOTICS GETTING INTO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, BOTH CLOSE AND DISTANT, ARGUES FOR GENERAL, NOT JUST, USG CONCERN.

C. THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) RECOGNIZING THIS, HAS BEEN ASSISTING THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL EFFORTS BUT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ON A BILATERAL BASIS WOULD, WE BELIEVE, HAVE AN IMPORTANT BENEFICIAL EFFECT, SUPPLEMENTING THE EFFORTS OF UNFDAC.

D. BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION HAS UNDERWAY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN MAJOR OPIUM GROWING AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY SHARE THESE CONCERNS AND MAY WISH TO EXPRESS ITS OWN VIEWS ON THIS TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. VANCE
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